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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GOODWIN ET AL.

Examiner

Thong H Vu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Amended claims 4,5,7 and new claim 8 are pending.
2. Claims 4,5 and 7 have been amended to overcome the prior art. Thus, the final action is appropriate.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 4,5,7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Maes et al [Maes 6,016,476] in view of Malkin et al [Malkin 6,317,795 B1]

4. As per claim 4, Maes discloses a method of protecting private data of a user entered into a web page displayed by a network kiosk [Maes, web site, col 13 lines 39-50; kiosk, col 14 lines 17-46] comprising the steps of:

(a) displaying the web page by the kiosk [Maes, web site, col 13 lines 39-50; kiosk, col 14 lines 17-46];

(b) determining an address of the web page by the kiosk [Maes, web site, col 13 lines 39-50; kiosk, col 14 lines 1-46] ;

(c) determining that the address is in a table of web page addresses identifying web pages and their fields which accept the private data by the kiosk [Maes, selected card available, 202, Fig 5-6. It was obvious the PDA may be directly connected to any

Internet server and a valid digital certificate or a table of web addresses may be download onto the selected card];

Maes also teaches the programming is prevented from writing the selected portion of personal information [Maes col 3 lines 1-15]. However Maes does not explicitly detail

(d) determining first fields in the one web page from the table by the kiosk;

(e) determining second fields of the first fields which contain the private data by the kiosk; and

(f) masking each character of the private data in the second fields with a symbol by the kiosk to prevent the private data from being seen and used by another person.

Malkin discloses a method and system for manipulating/modifying object in an Internet based multimedia stream wherein a fuzzy ball is provided for masking some portion of a video frame or individual frame level [Malkin, abstract]. It was obvious that Malkin's method provides Web client an option to selects a first (i.e.: the video, the group of frames), second fields (i.e.: individual frame) on an Internet-based stream or web page.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the technique of determining or selecting the first, second field or individual frame on web site for masking as taught by Malkin into Maes' apparatus in order to utilize the encryption or security process. Doing so would provide a quick, simple and secure process to protect the personal information for Internet users.

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5. As per claim 8, Maes-Malkin disclose the private data includes a credit card number and the fields includes a credit card number field [Maes, credit card, col 6 lines 28-42;56- col 7 line 35].

6. Claims 5-7 contain the similar limitations set forth of method claim 4. Therefore, claims 5-7 are rejected for the similar rationale set forth in claim 4.

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Thong Vu, whose telephone number is (703)-305-4643.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Jack Harvey*, can be reached at (703) 305-9705.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9700.

Any response to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 or faxed to :

After Final (703) 746-7238

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